



Town of Plaistow ♦ Board of Selectmen
145 Main Street ♦ Plaistow ♦ NH ♦ 03865

PLAISTOW BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES:

DATE: March 16, 2020

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30 p.m.

SELECTMEN:

Selectwoman, Francine Hart, Chairman
Selectman, Greg Taillon
Mark Pearson, Town Manager

Selectman, Julian Kiszka, Vice Chairman
Selectman, John A. Blinn, Sr.

MINUTES

J. Kiszka motions to approve the minutes of March 2, 2020. Seconded by J. Blinn.

Vote: 4-0-0

Motion carries

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

SWEARNING IN OF NEW SELECTMAN

G. Taillon administers the Oath of Office to our new selectman Jay DeRoche. J. DeRoche is welcomed and joins the meeting.

ELECTION OF BOS OFFICERS

G. Taillon motions to nominate Francine Hart for the position of Chair. Seconded by J. Blinn.

Vote: 4-1-0 (no J. Kiszka)

Motion carries

F. Hart motions to nominate Greg Taillon for the position of Vice Chair. Seconded by J. Kiszka.

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion carries

WATER GRANT – VOTE OF AUTHORIZATION

M. Pearson states at the recent water meeting in Concord with G. Forbes from Underwood Engineers a draft authorization form was circulated. If the Board agrees to sign the form it will allow M. Pearson to accept grant money from the State for the water project. The form should be in place before the State Executive Council officially releases the grant. In the past the Board has

given M. Pearson the authority to accept grants however this authorization will make the grant process easier from the State to Plaistow. The total grant amount is over 10 million and may still increase. M. Pearson will have the authority to sign all documents in reference to grant money.

J. Kiszka motions to grant authority (certificate of vote of authorization) for Plaistow Town Manager, Mark A. Pearson to sign grant agreements with the State of NH Department of Environmental Services for the potable water project. Seconded by G. Taillon.

Discussion: F. Hart asks if this will need to be done each time grant money is released.

M. Pearson replies, no. The Certificate of Vote of Authorization will cover all grant money for the water project.

J. DeRoche asks if the 10 million will be used to get the water project underway.

M. Pearson replies, yes. Plaistow has four project components named P1, P2, P3 and P4. They consist of the East Road pump house, the water tank on Sweet Hill Road, the additional pipes necessary to complete the project and all the connections to houses/buildings effected by MtBE contamination. The 10 million will not be received up front. As invoices come in, G. Colby, Finance Director will submit them to the State for payment. It will be handled as an enterprise fund.

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion carries

OTHER BUSINESS

F. Hart asks for a motion on the floor allowing M. Pearson to approve using contingency funds for expenses relating to COVID-19.

G. Taillon motions to grant authority to Plaistow Town Manager, Mark A. Pearson to spend money from the contingency fund for “unanticipated purposes” related to the COVID-19 virus. Seconded by J. Kiszka.

Discussion: J. DeRoche asks what type of expenses.

M. Pearson replies cleaning supplies and hand sanitizer have been ordered. Fire Chief Knutsen has order special reusable masks for firefighters. Any supplies needed by the Emergency Management Team will be included. Chief Knutsen is tracking all expenses for 75% reimbursement. Currently we are using money from budget line items. This motion is just added protection if needed. M. Pearson will keep the Board informed of expenses although he is not expecting high expenses. The contingency fund was established by voters for unanticipated expenses. Any expenses related to COVID-19 are certainly unanticipated.

F. Hart asks if reimbursement will be through FEMA.

M. Pearson replies, no. Reimbursement will be through Homeland Security, EMPG, and the State of NH. FEMA is specifically for natural disasters.

J. Kiszka motions to not spend money on the salt shed or landfill until we know the economic impact on citizens.

M. Pearson does not believe that is a legal motion. Voters approved the warrant articles for the salt shed and work on the landfill cap at Town Meeting. The votes stand on their own. The Board cannot overrule them.

F. Hart states we are intelligent, and we will go slow.

M. Pearson states he fully intends to move forward with RFP's for the salt shed.

F. Hart states we are eligible for a Tax Anticipation Note (TAN) if needed. We are not being reckless or foolish. She disallows the motion.

J. Blinn states some citizens who purchase water and are reimbursed from the Beede Waste Oil site are having a hard time finding bottled water due to its lack of availability. He asks if the Town can do anything to help. Is there a possibility of getting water from Hale Spring?

M. Pearson state he will reach out to the Beede people and try to shift the issue to them. We are having the water from Hale Spring tested. The State of NH is paying for the MtBE testing and the town will pay for the other testing such as PFOA's and PFA's.

F. Hart calls for a vote on the original motion.

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion carries

OTHER FOLDERS

The signature, FYI, assessing and warrant folders are being passed around.

*G. Taillon motions to enter non=public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (A) Public Employee; (B) Hiring; (C) Reputation; (D) Property Transactions; € Pending or Threatened Litigation; (I) **Emergency Functions**; (J) Confidential Information in Adjudicative Proceedings; (L) Consideration of Legal Advice. Seconded by J. Blinn.*

Board Polled: F. Hart = yes, G. Taillon = yes, J. Kiszka = yes, J. Blinn = yes, J. DeRoche = yes
Motion carries

Exited public session at 6:55 p.m.

Resumed public session at 7:43 p.m.

J. Kiszka motions to seal the minutes of the non-public session held this evening. Seconded by G. Taillon.

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion carries

J. Kiszka motions to forgo fees on vehicle registration done online for the next three (3) months. Seconded by G. Taillon.

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion carries

F. Hart adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Hossack,
Recording Secretary